

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 2-5, 9 and 10 are pending in the application, with 2 and 9 being the independent claims. Claim 1 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended the specification to direct the entry of the Substitute Sequence Listing, appended hereto, and to insert sequence identifiers where appropriate. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants also submit herewith both paper and computer readable copies of a Substitute Sequence Listing to include the peptide sequence of Figure 10A in the sequence listing. Support for this amendment is found in Figure 10A as originally filed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a), these submissions include no new matter. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(b), the paper copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing submitted herewith are the same.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone conference on November 19, 2003, that clarified the due date for response. Specifically, that the time for response had been reset from the Final Office Action (Paper No. 32) to the date indicated on the Ex parte Quayle action dated September 30, 2003.

Based on the above amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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